

Louisiana Association of Non-Profit Organizations

Organization Description

The Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations (LANO) works to strengthen, promote and build the capacity of Louisiana's nonprofit sector through member services, advocacy, and education. With a network of over 500 members, LANO is the leading technical assistance provider for nonprofits and faith-based and community organizations in Louisiana.

Project Description

The Louisiana Rural Capacity Project will create a network of sustainable faith-based and community organizations able to better provide social services for Louisiana's neediest citizens. The model can be replicated to address other underserved, under-resourced rural parishes in the state.

Geographic Scope of Project

An eight parish rural region surrounding Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Includes the following parishes:

- East Baton Rouge
- East Feliciana
- Iberville
- Pointe Coupee
- St. Helena
- Tangipahoa
- West Baton Rouge
- West Feliciana

Partnering Organizations

Project partners include Set Free Indeed, a faith-based substance abuse recovery group, and Southern University, a historically-black university.

Sub-Awards

A total of \$125,000 in sub-awards will be provided on a competitive basis to organizations participating in the technical assistance program. Award amounts range from \$1,000 to \$15,000.

Project Objectives

1. Strengthen faith-based and community organizations in target area through outreach and training;
2. Increase organizational capacity and operational effectiveness of faith-based and community through the Rural Capacity Academy (RCA); and
3. Provide capacity-building grants to RCA participants through a competitive process.

Project Strategies

- Offer training and outreach workshops in an eight parish region for 200 organizations working in four programmatic areas: homelessness, services for prisoners, at-risk youth, and substance abuse;
- Provide customized technical assistance, including computer, internet access and technology training for 40 organizations participating in RCA;
- Give sub-awards for staff development, best practice implementation, better use of technology, program planning, improved data collection or limited facility improvements.

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